

Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club

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October 2008

We had eight sessions in September. Detailed results are in the three-ring notebooks near the Director's Table. The top master point winners in September for A and B are shown below.

A (Life Master and Above)		B (Non Life Master)	
Darwin Afdahl	4.30	Dean Frost	3.82
Kay Afdahl	4.30	Vicki Hanson	3.60
Roy Aiken	3.93	Betty Edwards	2.14

We will hold nine sessions in October with Club Appreciation Games on the 10th and the 21st. There will be a Unit Wide Championship Game on Friday the 17th. **Note: This game will be held in the Sonoran Room in MVCC.** We will have a Club Championship Game on Tuesday the 28th, followed by the annual Welcome Back Party (for the SnowBirds) at 5 PM in the RoadRunner Grill

Bridge Tips by Barb Feeley

A Harsh Penalty -- Revoke

One of the basic rules of bridge is that each player must follow suit if possible. If someone does not follow suit, the declarer makes judgments that might be incorrect about how to play the hand. So, even if you do not win the trick on which you failed to follow, there will still be a penalty of one trick if your side takes a trick later on. The only way your side is not penalized is if you do not win any tricks from that point forward. And if you win the trick (by trumping, for example, when you should have followed suit), the penalty will be two tricks if you take one trick later on. Neither your opponents nor the director delight in penalizing any player. It's just the way we encourage everyone to follow the rules.

If you discover that you made the error of not following suit, and the following trick has not been started, it is best to stop the play at that point, call the director, and indicate that you just realized that you failed to follow. The penalty now is for an exposed card and is not as severe a penalty as for a revoke. After the next trick has been started, it is not necessary to call attention to your own (or partner's) revoke. Wait for the opponents to do so, and gracefully accept your penalty. If opponents did not notice, then they weren't paying attention, so you do not need to ask for the penalty.

Try to pay attention, have your cards sorted and know what was led -- and always follow suit. If your partner does not follow, you may ask partner to verify his/her void -- this might prevent the harsh penalty of the revoke.